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SUBJECT : PORTUGUESE-PAIGC NEGOTIATIONS

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1. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED FROM PAIGC, GUINEAN AND EASTERN EURO-
PEAN SOURCES THAT PRESIDENT SEKOU TOURE'S PUBLIC CRITICISM OF
PAIGC'S DECISION NEGOTIATE WITH PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT IN
LONDON GREATLY ANNOYED PAIGC LEADERSHIP. AS RESULT PAIGC
LEADERS HAD SOMETIME STORMY SIX-HOUR MEETING WITH SEKOU TOURE
MONDAY EVENING, MAY 20, DURING WHICH VIEWS FROM BOTH SIDES
FULLY AIRED AND GENERAL UNDERSTANDING REACHED. PAIGC
EXPLAINED THAT NEGOTIATION IS AS MUCH PART OF STRUGGLE FOR
INDEPENDENCE AS IS THE FIGHTING. ANY PLACE WILLING
GUARANTEE SECURITY SEEMED APPROPRIATE FOR MEETING. FURTHER-
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MORE, VERY ACT OF FORMERLY HOSTILE COUNTRY AGREEING TO HOST

MEETINGS WAS STEP IN RIGHT DIRECTION
TOWARDS RECOGNITION.

SEKOU TOURE REPEATED VIEWS PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED BUT FINALLY
CONCEDED MERIT IN PAIGC POSITION. BOTH SIDES AGREED THAT
NEGOTIATION WOULD NOT BE FOR INDEPENDENCE, WHICH IS CONSIDERED
A FACT, BUT RATHER FOR RECOGNITION BY PORTUGAL SO THAT TWO
INDEPENDENT COUNTRIES COULD WORK OUT MODALITIES FOR GETTING
NEW GUINEA-BISSAU STATE UNDERWAY.

2. PAIGC DELEGATION REPORTEDLY LEFT CONAKRY MAY 22 FOR
LONDON.

3. EMBASSY HAS ALSO LEARNED THAT VISIT BY LIBERATION LEADERS
FROM MOZAMBIQUE WHICH SEKOU TOURE HAD BEEN EXPECTING
(CONAKRY 719) DID NOT OCCUR. TOURE FELT, HOWEVER, HE COULD
NO LONGER POSTPONE DECLARATION OF GUINEA'S POSITION ON THIS
CRITICAL ISSUE. BASIC REACTION OF GUINEA GOVERNMENT IS STILL
SOME FEELING OF BEING LEFT OUT OF IMPORTANT, FAST-BREAKING
EVENTS. HOPE AMONG GUINEAN PEOPLE IS THAT AGREEMENT WILL BE
REACHED SOONEST SO THAT THREAT OF MILITARY ACTION BY PORTU-
GUESE CAN BE REMOVED AND COUNTRY CAN GET DOWN TO BUSINESS OF
IMPROVING ECONOMIC SITUATION AND HOPEFULLY ENJOYING GREATER
PERSONAL FREEDOM.

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